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SUBJ: GOC RETURNING SPECIAL OAU REPRESENTATIVE COMMENTS ON
ANGOLA

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1. MINISTER AGRICULTURE GOUARA LASSOU, GOC'S UNLIKELY REPRESENTATIVE TO OAU SPECIAL MEETING ON ANGOLA, RETURNED NDJAMENA EARLY MORNING JANUARY 17. IN RADIO INTERVIEW THAT DAY HE MAINTAINED THAT "RESULTS" ACHIEVED AT SUMMIT CONSTITUTED AN UNSPECIFIED "HOPE". ACCORDING LASSOU, ONLY MPLA CAN "TRULY DEFEND ANGOLA AND AFRICAN INTERESTS". IN IMPLICIT REFERENCE TO FNLA/UNITA, LASSOU DECLARED, "THERE SHOULD BE NO QUESTION FOR ANY AFRICAN STATE CONSCIOUS OF ITS RESPONSIBILITIES OF PAYING OFF THOSE WHO HAVE CONCLUDED AN IMPIOUS ALLIANCE WITH THE RACIST CRIMINALS OF SOUTH AFRICA. THIS IS WHY, IN OUR OPINION, IT HAS BECOME MORE THAN NECESSARY TO SUPPORT DR. AUGOSTINHO NETO AND HIM MOVEMENT". IN CONCLUSION, LASSOU EXPRESSED HOPE THAT OTHERS WOULD REVIEW THEIR DECISION IN ORDER TO "ACCELERATE THE PROCESS OF AFRICAN LIBERATION, FROM ANGOLA TO THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE."

2. OTHER MEDIA TREATMENT ON RADIO AND CHAD'S SINGLE MIMEO-
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GRAPHED NEWS SHEET HAS BEEN LARGELY CONFINED TO "NEWS" REPORTS.

WHILE GOC CONTINUES FAVOR POLITICAL SOLUTION UNITING ALL
FACTIONS, REPORTS STRESS VICTORIES MPLA, ITS DEDICATION IN
FIGHT AGAINST APARTHEID, AND SOUTH AFRICAN ALLIES FLNA/
UNITA. EXCEPTION IS CURIOUSLY SENSITIVE REACTION ON PART OF
GOC TO AGENCE FRANCE PRESSE REPORT SENT PARIS OF MAILINGS
OF UNITA PROPAGANDA TO GOVERNMENT AND PRIVATE ADDRESSES IN CHAD.
ON JANUARY 15 INFOTCHAD VIGOROUSLY DENIED THAT GOVERNMENT
OFFICES HAD RECEIVED PROPAGANDA. GOC APPARENTLY SUSPECTS AFP
OF SOME PLOT TO EMBARRASS GOC. INCIDENT NOT SIGNIFICANT EXCEPT
INSOFAR AS IT DEMONSTRATES HIGH DEGREE OF ANXIETY ON PART OF
GOC REGARDING ITS POSITION ON ANGOLA.
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